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Subject:
Date: 05/17/2010 04:53 PM
Attachments: [Responding to the Oil Spill.ppt](#)
[Katrina - Rita Chronology 08-30-07.xls](#)

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To: Delgado/R6/USEPA/US@EPA,
Craig
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Date: 05/06/2010 07:00 AM
Subject: Katrina Timeline

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From: Steve
Mason/R6/USEPA/US
To: Craig
Carroll/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/06/2010 09:53 AM
Re: Presentation for Sam

Subject: Coleman

John, I developed this presentation for Mark earlier this week....

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Presentation for Sam Coleman<= /table>

John,

Sam needs a brief powerpoint presentation (10-12 slides) by
1100 hrs to give to Bob Perciaseppe that covers overview of
operations and dispersant issues. Monica is available if need be
and Steve Mason can provide dispersant issue overview.

Recommend we use the REOC presentation with minor
modifications. I would like to invite Senior Staff down here for a
briefing tomorrow or next Monday so let's plan the presentation for
that too. Thanks

Craig Carroll
Chief, Emergency Readiness Section
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From: Steve
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"Kay, Jim, VBAWAC"
To: <jim=
.kay@va.gov>
Date: 05/06/2010 10:51
AM
Subject: Re: Response

Wow !!! I did not think it was that much... thanks for checking for me....

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From: "Kay, Jim, VBAWAC"
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To: Steve
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Date: 05/06/2010 10:38 AM
Subject: Response

Because of privacy issues the veteran's name or claim number is mentioned.

I did a quick review of the case in reference to your phone call and see where a debt was created and monthly funds being applied toward that debt.

It appears there is still a remaining debt of approximately \$2,450 which should be paid off in about 4 months. Once paid the debt is paid off benefits should resume.

If you have any other questions you can reach me at the numbers below.

James K
OIC, Ft Worth Benefits Office
Ofc: 817-882-6086
Cell: 214-725-0391

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To: Craig
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Date: 05/06/2010 02:04 PM
Subject: Fw: use of solidifiers
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Any comments on this....

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Cc: "Michael Baccigallo" <pi@GLO.STATE.TX.US>

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Nicks suggestions....

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Cc: Leigh
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Steve
Mason/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/06/2010 01:39 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: use of solidifiers
within R= RT 6

Thank you, Nick. I will relay this information immediately

to Dave Fritz at BP.
Appreciate your input.
Buzz

>>> <Nichols.Nick@epamail.epa.gov> 5/6/2010 1:35 PM >> >
Hi Buzz

You still need RRT6-OSC authorization for solidifiers on the
Schedule
even if they are contained. The issue being that boom breaks
and the
product could be released into the water....so EPA needs tox
numbers so
it has to be on the Schedule..under OSC authority etc..

That should be handled with a phone call or as I read #2
below the RRT
has already given it blanket authorization so you seem good
to go.

William "Nick" Nichols
OEM Regulatory and Policy Development Division
Washington D.C. 20460
202-564-1970

Nick,
Please see attached. I think you have been contacted on
this, but I
wanted to make sure you were kept in the loop.
Buzz

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Gilberto
Irizarry/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Craig
Carroll/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/06/2010 02:29 PM
Subject: Dispersants

Mark, per your request...

Under the RRT 6 Pre-Approval for Dispersants....

3. The dispersant can be applied between 3 and 200 nautical miles offshore -- cannot be applied less than 3 miles offshore
3. The dispersant cannot be applied in less than 10 meters of water
3. Dispersant must be on the product schedule
3. Dispersant will be applied only during daylight hours
3. FOSC must activate SMART program for monitoring the application

Under the RRT 6 Near Shore Expedited Approval...

3. MUST BE APPROVED BY THE RRT before application
3. FOSC makes request to RRT = RRT should make decision within 1 hour
3. Can be applied within 3 miles of shoreline
3. Dispersant must be on the product schedule
3. FOSC must activate SMART program for monitoring the application

Under NCP, Subpart J:

- FOSC may authorize use of dispersant, including products not listed on the NCP Product Schedule, without obtaining the concurrence of the RRT, when the FOSC judges the product

is necessary to prevent or substantially reduce a hazard to human life.

Craig, any other thoughts...

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Administration-Wide
Subject: Response to the
Deepwater Horizon Oil
Spill

The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill

- Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information:
(866)-448-5816
- Submit alternative response technology, services or products:
(281) 366-5511
- Submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system:
(281) 366-5511
- Submit a claim for damages:
(800) 440-0858
- Report oiled wildlife:
(866) 557-1401

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Phone: (985) 902-
5231
(985) 902-5240

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Secretary Salazar Gulf Coast Visit

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar surveyed ongoing response efforts to combat the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, inspecting the four-story cofferdam that will attempt to capture the largest leak from the damaged wellhead; making an aerial survey of containment and cleanup efforts underway on Gulf waters; and visiting national wildlife refuges on the Louisiana and Alabama coast *to assess on-the-ground efforts to protect sensitive areas.*

Successful Controlled Burn

Favorable weather conditions allowed responders to conduct a successful controlled burn operation. As part of a coordinated response that combines tactics deployed above water, below water, offshore, and close to coastal areas, controlled burns efficiently remove oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife.

NASA Satellite Assets

At NOAA's request, NASA has agreed to use their ER-2 aircraft, equipped with a highly specialized scanner (the Airborne Visible/Infrared Imaging Spectrometer (AVIRIS) system) to provide NOAA high resolution images of the threatened Gulf shoreline. This will assist valuable NOAA's damage assessment activities by forecasting spill trajectories and conducting mass balance calculations. Additionally, NASA has employed satellite instruments both to detect the extent of the entire oil spill, and to see the details of the extent of selected areas of the spill.

Additional Staging Location

A 10th staging location was established in Panama City, Fla., joining nine others in Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Pascagoula, Miss., Dauphin Island, Ala., Port Sulphur, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., Port Fourchon, La., and Venice, La.

Aerial Dispersant Spray Missions

Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft flew four missions—dispensing the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. These systems are capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight.

Seafood Inspection

NOAA Fisheries continues to collect seafood samples and transfer those to the National Seafood Inspection Lab.

NOAA Ocean and Marsh Imaging Flights

Two NOAA turbo-prop aircraft are positioned in Mobile, Ala. One will fly marine mammal survey missions—the second aircraft will conduct ocean imaging missions, providing valuable information about the oil thickness and density on the sea surface. A third NOAA aircraft is positioned in New Orleans and staged to conduct aerial photographic flights of marsh areas.

Ocean Exploration Mission

A NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research-sponsored mission is en route to collect seafloor and water column data from areas near the oil spill source.

National Park Service Response Website

The National Park Service created an oil spill response website, available at <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm>, to update the public about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife.

By the Numbers to Date:

- Personnel were quickly deployed and approximately 7,900 are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife.
- Nearly 200 vessels are responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- Approximately 564,000 feet of boom (regulator and sorbent) have been deployed to contain the spill—and 1.6 million feet are available.
- More than 1.2 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.
- More than 190,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed. More than 55,000 gallons are available.
- Nine staging areas have been set up to protect vital shoreline in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states (Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Pascagoula, Miss., Dauphin Island, Ala., Port Sulphur, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., Port Fourchon, La., Venice, La.).

Resources:

- For information about the response effort, visit

www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com.

- [To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center, call \(985\) 902-5231.](#)
- [To volunteer, or to report oiled shoreline, call \(866\) 448-5816. Volunteer opportunities can also be found \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- To submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system, or to submit alternative response technology, services, or products, call 281-366-5511.
- To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401. Messages will be checked hourly.
- For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit www.epa.gov/bpspill.
- For National Park Service updates about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife, visit <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm>.
- To file a claim, or report spill-related damage, call BP's helpline at (800) 440-0858. A BP fact sheet with additional information is available [here](#). For those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution, can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118.

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Can one of you send me the Region 6 DRAFT Solidifier Plan... just in case we need to refer to it....

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